

# Loon Lake Park District Association - LLPDA

## Meeting Minutes – Sunday 9/10/23

Attendees: Kevin Wickert, Patrick Reed, Barb Kearney, Sue Chambers, Mary Flynn, Andrea McDonough, Gail Danforth, Jim Fregoe

Kevin opened the meeting saying that Glen Vogel sent him an email stating his resignation from the Board. Kevin reminded everyone that Glen has been the boat parade organizer.

- The minutes from the public meeting on 7/9/23 were accepted.
- Treasurer’s report – Mary presented the financial report, stating:
  - There was an additional \$6,800 withdrawal not shown on this report for the Marv Cole Golf Tournament; the LLPDA provides the banking for the tournament, with payables to the designated charities for the golf tournament.
  - There is approximately \$34,000 remaining in the account.
  - We currently have 324 members at all various levels.
  - The safety officer boat must be replaced; the town is seeking a new vessel and will reuse the outboard motor. Craig Leggett, Town Supervisor, has committed to replacing it.
  - Currently revenue is exceeding expenses at \$34K, and the board is evaluating opportunities to enhance the organization for members. Suggestions are:
    - Sponsor a US flag on the island
    - Stock lake project
    - Lunker fish tournament
    - Ice out contest
    - LLPDA event bibs
    - LLPDA burgee / Loon Lake ??
    - Photo contests
    - Annual enamel pins
    - Logo backpacks / hike day
    - Poker run
    - Finish triangle by OP’s
- 2024 Events
  - Boat Parade – participant numbers were very small this year, 4 boats vs ~20 in years past. It was suggested that all advertising not be via social media. It was suggested that banners be displayed around the lake one month prior to the event. Barb says zoning allows a 2-week window of advertising. She also suggested a prize, i.e., T-shirts, be given to the loudest cheering section.
  - Many ideas were discussed relative to planning the event calendar and specifics.
    - Add a poker run for paddle craft.
    - Ice fishing on a controlled basis, targeting only Loon Lake residents and LLPDA members if possible. People were less inclined.
    - Photo contest with specific categories – family, animal, nature, etc.
    - The Social – it was well attended but input regarding location and food offerings have made the board look at other alternatives for 2024. To entice some younger people Andrea suggested it be held on a Saturday evening, to not compete with school schedules.
- Newsletter 2024 planning – Gail
  - Gail would like to see a print date established to enable her to get it to printing by 5/1. It will then be mailed within a week. It was decided Gail will pick the date.

- Distribution list – Gail will use the LLPDA tax role and Barb’s membership list going forward. She will keep the newsletter printed, mailed and on the website.
  - **Motion:** Kevin motioned to eliminate the bags, keep the road captains with a role change, and use the tax roles and property transfers for the distribution of the LLPDA newsletter. Jim seconded the motion. All in favor.
  
- Patrick – Community Involvement
  - The Town Board approved resolution to bond \$900,000 meant to maintain dam. Of that, \$200,000 will be split between Town of Chester resident taxes for \$100,000 and LLPD residents for \$100,000. The dam is 80 years old, built in 1930’s.
  - Milfoil - \$75,000 has been spent on milfoil remediation. 872 gallons of milfoil removed with 330 dive hours provided.
  
- Membership Rolls recording
  - Barb said so far this year we have 325 paid memberships.
  
- Open Discussion –
  - Boater Safety – Gail brought up boater safety on the lake and wondered if we could do something more proactive to ensure it. The discussion continued and everyone agreed that the subject should be pursued. It was brought up that LLPDA does sponsor classes, provide a lake safety officer, and provide maps / safety tips both on paper and online.  
Andrea suggested a second class of boater safety and said that renters are not required to have a boating license although they can rent a watercraft without one. More education should be provided to Short Term Rental (STR) owners for their tenants.  
Rental boats have high visibility bumpers on them.  
Provide STR owners with written safety information and with information specific to Loon Lake.

**Motion:** Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:34. Kevin seconded the motion. All in favor.